District Council of
Mount Remarkable

Remarkable Experience

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Council Snippets

Please refer to the Council Minutes & Agenda Reports available on the Council website mtr.sa.gov.au for full details.

Ordinary Meeting of Council held Tuesday 21 May 2019
Councillors Resolved:

Murray Darling Association
Councillors noted information received regarding the benefits of becoming a member of the Murray Darling Association (MDA).

Community Leases
The Mayor and CEO affixed the common seal and signed lease agreements between Council and the Rocky River Pistol Club.

Wilmington Melrose Rail Trail
Council considered a request to permit horse riding on the rail trail or access the service track. Council will explore possible horse riding trails.

Waste Management
After considering correspondence and further information, Council is investigating if the Port Germein and Wirrabara Progress Associations wish to open the waste transfer stations on Sundays on a voluntary basis.

Bike Skills Station—Melrose Caravan Park
Councillors considered the future of the Bike Skills Station and Pump Track in the Melrose Caravan and Tourist Park now that the lease has expired. Council will assume the care control, and management of the facility and will enter into an Memorandum of Understanding with Bike Melrose for future ongoing regular maintenance of the area and an annual risk assessment audit at no cost to Council.

Booleroo Centre Athletics Club
The Booleroo Centre Athletics Club requested to borrow funds through the Community Group Loan Policy. A loan agreement between Council and the Booleroo Centre Athletics Club for $50,000 to be repaid over a five (5) year period was endorsed.

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday 11 June 2019 at 9.30am in the Council Chambers Melrose.

Council has prepared its Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget for the Financial Year ending 30 June 2020 detailing services, initiatives and associated costs for the next financial year, for public consultation. A copy of the plan is available for viewing at the Council Office, 3 Stuart Street Melrose and on Council's website **www.mtr.sa.gov.au**.

Written submissions are invited by interested persons and should be directed to:

Wayne Hart, Chief Executive Officer, District Council of Mount Remarkable,
PO Box 94, Melrose SA 5483, or
email to **postmaster@mtr.sa.gov.au** or
on the web form available at Council's website **www.mtr.sa.gov.au**.

Submissions are to be received no later than 12noon Monday 24 June 2019.

Council will provide a period of one (1) hour from 9.30am to 10.30am prior to the Meeting of Council at which the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget is to be considered, for members of the public to ask questions or make submissions in relation to the matter, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999.

Wilmington Main Street Rejuvenation Project is taking shape, contractors have commenced installation of the protuberances and the working group are investigating types of plants to plant in the beds.

Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing the Hon Corey Wingard MP visited Booleroo Centre memorial Swimming Pool on 22 May 2019. The Minister toured the Booleroo Centre Swimming Pool facility viewing the progress of the upgrades that have occurred as a result of the successful Community Recreational Facility Grant application. Pictured is Ebony Rodda, Community Engagement Officer, Cr Don Norton, Grant Sismey, President Booleroo Centre Pool Committee, Hon Corey Wingard, Jessie White, DCEO and Mayor Phillip Heaslip

Rains received in mid May have allowed Council to step up its patrol grading program. To view a full listing of roads graded refer to the June Council Meeting Agenda and grader map.

Works Program Update..

May has been a busy month for the Works team, significant rain received in mid May providing the necessary moisture required for patrol grading. The grading program concentrated in areas around Port Germein, Booleroo Centre, Melrose and Wirrabara and saw 30 roads receive full or part grading. A full list of roads graded during May is available in the Director Works report included in the agenda for June Council meeting.

In addition to grading the works team carted soil to the Wilmington Landfill. Council has an arrangement with the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) for closure and revegetation of the landfill site.

The works team provide a variety of services and works to the communities including:

- Installation of netting to Willowie Landfill waste area.
- Footpath resurfacing to Arthur Street Booleroo
- Footpath resurfacing to Esplanade Port Germein.
- Tiling repairs to Melrose Hall
- Stump Grinding to trees in Booleroo.
- Installation of various road signs in region.
- Repairs to CWMS Lines in Melrose
- Tree Trimming on Piggott Rd, Morchard Rd and Whim Rd.
- Tidy Towns visited Port Germein, Weeroona Island, Wirrabara, Booleroo, Appila & Wilmington
- Street Sweeping to the townships of Port Germein, Weeroona Island, Wirrabara & Murray Town.
- Back fill graves at Booleroo & Wilmington Cemeteries
- Booleroo Airstrip Monthly inspection
- Maintenance & Monthly inspections to Wirrabara & Booleroo CWMS
- Cat & Dog Management

The weed spraying program continued on Council owned community assets and Council supported community events with road closures and bin delivery and collection.

A cement floodway has been installed in the flloodway on Gogler Road Wilmington as per Councils 2018-2019 Annual Business Plan.

KEY HAZARDS & RISKS SUMMARY

Emergency Management Plan

YORKE AND MID NORTH ZONE

The 'Key Hazards & Risk Summary" document is available for download or viewing on the South Australian State Emergency Service website www.ses.sa.gov.au.

The document provides a concise summary of the Zone Emergency Management Plan. It provides information on the risks associated with natural disasters and other hazards identified as having a specific relationship with the relevant Zone and provides you helpful links to information on how to minimise the impact to you and your family.

Projects completed

The new ablution block for the Melrose Caravan Park has been delivered and installed ready for the June long weekend. The ablution block was funded through the Commonwealth Government Drought Communities Programme – Extension.

The Melrose to McCallum Road Rail Trail was completed in early May and improvements to the Booleroo Centre Bowling Club are near complete. All other projects have commenced.

Council continues to work with the various groups to ensure all projects will be completed by the 30 June 2019 as per the criteria of the grant funding received.

Little Corella Management Strategy

On the 31 May 2019 the CEO, Wayne Hart attended the Department of Environment and Water (DEW) Little Corella Reference Group Meeting.

DEW invited major land managers, comprising of the LGA, 26 Councils and relevant state government departments to join the Little Corella Reference Group. The purpose of the reference group is to:

- Develop the Aim of the South Australian Little Corella Management Strategy
- Develop the Objectives of the South Australian Little Corella Management Strategy

Council recognises Little Corellas have become a social, economic and environmental concern for communities within our region and therefore it is important to be a part of the Little Corella Reference Group to ensure our Council region is recognised for any management strategies that are developed.

Council has purchased three Bird Scarer Gas Guns that are being used in the townships of Melrose, Wirrabara and Wilmington. Landowners are able to shoot the Little Corella outside of townships if they are causing problems or a nuisance.

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Public Consultation

Lease Over Community Land

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1999, members of the public are invited to comment on the following proposals to lease Community Land:

Part Sections 504 & 505 Hundred of Wongyarra, SA 5483, to G.N. Parker for a period of 3 years with a 2 year renewal.

Written submissions or further information to be forwarded to:

Jessie White, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, District Council of Mount Remarkable, PO Box 94, Melrose SA 5483, or postmaster@mtr.sa.gov.au or Council's website www.mtr.sa.gov.au.

Submissions are to be received no later than 5.00pm Thursday 27 June 2019.

Council is providing

FREE DOG REGISTRATION!

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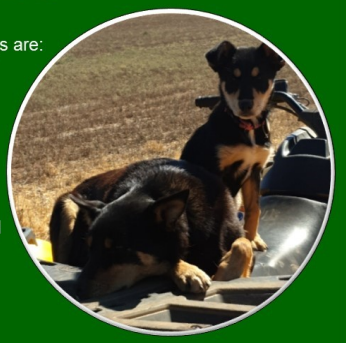
For new dogs
if you register your dog by 25 June 2019



As of 1 July 2018 it is a legal requirement that all dogs are:

- Registered by 3 months of age
- Microschipped by 3 months of age
- Desexed by 6 months of age

(if they are born after 1 July 2018)

Log into DACO www.dogsandcatsonline.com.au and Update your details

- Address - postal or residential
- Phone number
- Email
- Has your dog passed away?

Registration renewals will be sent in early July according to the option you selected on Dogs and Cats Online (DACO) ie: email, post or sms.

Help shape South Australia's Regional Development Strategy, which will guide the strategic approach to regional development across the state. For more information contact: Primary Industries and Regions SA PIRSA.RegionsSA@sa.gov.au Closes 5pm Friday 26 July 2019

Mount Remarkable National Park is the place to be in June

Mount Remarkable National Park will be hive of activity throughout the month of June as it is celebrated as Park of the Month – an initiative encouraging children and families to get into South Australia's outdoors.

A number of activities have been planned to celebrate park of the month:

- ◊ Sunday 9 June, the Friends of Mount Remarkable group will share stories around the campfire about how Mount Remarkable National Park was transformed from a working sheep station to a Park of National Significance.
- ◊ Monday 10 June - enjoy a guided walk along the Mambray Creek Valley to see and learn about the unique bird, wildlife and plant populations of the park
- ◊ In addition, the Melrose Fat Tyre Festival is being held over the June long weekend, so young cyclists can participate in a bike-based orienteering activity exploring the Willowie Forest to coincide with the Park of the Month event.
- ◊ Sunday 23 June a guided hike through Alligator Gorge will explore the fascinating geological formations of 'The Terraces' and 'The Narrows',

To learn more about the activities on offer in the park throughout the month of June, visit www.parks.sa.gov.au/potm-mt-remarkable or contact the Natural Resources Centre in Clare on 8841 3400.

Exploring 'The Narrows' at Mount Remarkable National Park

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